GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Towson University undergraduates may achieve recognition as honors graduates in several different ways: through Latin Honors, Departmental Honors and as members of the Honors College.

Latin Honors
Visit the Towson University graduation website (http://www.towson.edu/registrar/graduation/latinhonors.html) for details.

Honors College
Visit the Honors College website at www.towson.edu/honors, or the Honors College section of this catalog.

Departmental Honors Programs
Many departments at the university offer students the ability to complete a Departmental Honors program, which is a separate program from the Honors College. Students interested in participating in a Departmental Honors program are encouraged to meet with the Departmental Honors faculty coordinator or department chair preferably during their first two years at Towson University.

Departments with Honors programs list requirements in the catalog under the individual major departments. Students accepted into a Departmental Honors program must complete the requirements as listed in the catalog for their major. Most departments require that students complete 6 units in Advanced Content, Directed Readings and/or Independent Investigations and an Honors Thesis, but some departments may offer other options, such as an extensive design project. The thesis/project culminates in a significant piece of writing and a final presentation that is open to the public. A completed, signed copy of the thesis/project approval form must be submitted to the Honors College no later than two weeks before graduation. When the Honors College receives the thesis/project, the appropriate designation appears on the final transcript and diploma.

More information on Departmental Honors programs can be found on each department’s webpage.

Departmental Honors Coordinators By College
The following faculty members may be contacted about departmental honors for the listed majors:

College of Business and Economics
Economics Departmental Honors Coordinator: Matthew Chambers (mchambers@towson.edu)

College of Fine Arts and Communication
Art History Departmental Honors Coordinator: Nancy Siegel (nsiegel@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/art/undergraduate/arthistory/honorsprogram.asp

Electronic Media & Film Departmental Honors Coordinator: Elsa Lankford (elankford@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/emf/undergraduateprogram/requirements.asp

Mass Communication Departmental Honors Coordinator: Beth Haller (bhaller@towson.edu)

College of Liberal Arts
Anthropology Departmental Honors Coordinator: Matthew Durington (mdurington@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/sociology/5%20-%20clubs-honor%20societies/index.asp

Criminal Justice Departmental Honors Coordinator: Marion Cockey (mcockey@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/sociology/5%20-%20clubs-honor%20societies/index.asp

English Departmental Honors Coordinator: Erin Fehskens (efehskens@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/english/5%20-%20clubs-honor%20societies/index.asp

Geography & Environmental Planning Departmental Honors Coordinator: Kent Barnes (kbarnes@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/geography/undergrad/honors.asp

Law and American Civilization Departmental Honors Coordinator: Jack Fruchtman (jfruchtman@towson.edu)

Political Science Departmental Honors Coordinator: Paul McCartney (pmccartney@towson.edu)

Psychology Departmental Honors Coordinator: Jonathan Mattanah (jmattanah@towson.edu)

Sociology Departmental Honors Coordinator: Whitney Garcia (wgarcia@towson.edu)

Women’s Studies Departmental Honors Coordinator: Cindy Gissendanner (Cgissendanner@towson.edu)

College of Science and Mathematics
Biological Sciences Departmental Honors Coordinator: Erik Scully (escully@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/biology/undergrad/honors.asp

Chemistry Departmental Honors Coordinator: John Sivey (jsivey@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/chemistry/academic_programs/departmental_honors.asp

Physics, Astronomy & Geosciences Departmental Honors Coordinator: David Schaefer (dschaefer@towson.edu)
http://www.towson.edu/physics/undergraduate/honors.asp